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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Stacy Ann Beebe** (RC60068773) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft, escape, criminal trespass, obstructing a law enforcement officer, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Clark County

In February 2009 the Medical Commission amended the statement of charges against physician **Patrick K. Chau** (MD00030053). Allegations include inappropriately prescribing medications, violating a prior order, and failing to cooperate with an investigation.

In February 2009 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System Program charged paramedic **David M. Haas** (ES01173753) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had sexual contact with a child and pled guilty to three counts of child molestation.

Cowlitz County

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission amended the statement of charges against registered nurse **Micky R. Gordon** (RN00170778). He was convicted of animal cruelty and numerous hunting violations, and allegedly admitted to other inappropriate conduct.

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Franklin County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Justin M. Lyew** (NC10066159) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly put a patient at risk of emotional harm by making inappropriate comments to the patient.

Island County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Amanda G. Paden** (NC60023055) and placed conditions against her certification. She was convicted of driving under the influence on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

King County

In February 2009 the Chiropractic Commission charged **William D. Borg** (CH00002484) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to immediately initiate transportation of a patient to the hospital when he knew the patient was exhibiting symptoms of a possible cerebrovascular event. He also allegedly failed to document the patient's symptoms.

In February 2009 the Physical Therapist Assistant Program granted the application of **Seanna E. Bryson** (P160040949) and placed conditions on her license. She was convicted of possession of methamphetamine on more than one occasion, and possession of cocaine on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In January 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Elisha A. Ellis** (HC60016982). She was convicted of a protection order violation.

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Galia Pauline Gray** (RN00104988) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted a legend drug from her place of employment.

In February 2009 the Dental Commission entered into an agreed order with dentist **Shawn Keller** (DE00009100). During a full mouth reconstruction on a patient, he failed to take current radiographic images, performed an improper diagnosis, and failed to establish why treatment was necessary. The crowns failed and fractured prematurely. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In February 2009 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Kim-Sinh T. Nguyen**. She allegedly gave massages at a business. She does not hold a credential to practice massage in Washington.

In February 2009 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Kristine Nguyen**, **Kim Hieu Nguyen**, and **Lavender Beauty Salon & Spa**. Neither Kristine Nguyen nor Kim Hieu Nguyen is licensed to practice as a massage therapist in

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Washington. They incorporated, owned, and operated the business, which advertised and provided massages but did not display the license number of a license holder.

In February 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program amended the statement of charges against **Victor N. Shornal** (HC00133791). He allegedly engaged in sexual misconduct with a patient.

Pierce County

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Lori A. Moore** (NC10021443) from conditions on her certification.

Skagit County

In January 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Carol Ovenell** (NA60027713). She was convicted of theft.

Spokane County

In February 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Shannon B. Belisle** (HC00154966) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license.

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs charged **Ronnie B. Fowler** (RC00032953, CP00003067) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly had a sexual relationship with a patient.

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Christina M. Harkness** (NC10071611).

In February 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged nursing assistant **Jody L. Houck** (NA00191641) with unprofessional conduct. The Department of Social and Health Services allegedly made a finding of abuse and neglect of a vulnerable adult after Houck had a heated verbal altercation with a patient.

In February 2009 the Chiropractic Commission charged **Willis S. Muncey** (CH00002393) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had a sexual relationship with a patient and stopped requiring the patient to pay her insurance co-pays. He also allegedly was the landlord for a patient.

Whatcom County

In February 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Victoria Baum** (RN00110309) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly used pre-signed prescription forms to write unauthorized prescriptions to herself.

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In February 2009 the Massage Therapy Program granted the application of **Robert David Silverman** (MA60063336) and placed conditions on his license. His license to practice as a registered nurse in Washington was revoked. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his massage license.

Yakima County

In February 2009 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs reinstated the license and registration of **Jay Cort** (RC00026271, CP00001982) and placed his license and registration on probation for two years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license and registration.

Out of State

California: In February 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of **Gaydeane Louise Alexander** (CP60062891) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of concentrated cannabis, and possession of a controlled substance on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Wyoming: In February 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Bruce C. Bennett** (MD00039742) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had sexual contact with a patient.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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